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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

GARY J. CROCHET,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES, INC.

Defendant.

Case No. 3:05-cv-0288-TMB

**DECLARATION OF DOUGLAS R.
DAVIS**

I, Douglas R. Davis, declare as follows:

1. I am counsel for defendant Crowley Marine Services, Inc. (hereinafter "Crowley") in this action. Crowley has retained orthopedic specialist Dr. Dean Ricketts to evaluate plaintiff's medical condition. Dr. Ricketts has reviewed plaintiff's medical records including the surgical report dated June 28, 2006 which discusses the surgical procedure utilized in plaintiff's neck fusion surgery performed that day.

1 2. On September 5, 2006, I spoke to Dr. Ricketts to ask him when,
2 in his experience, patients who have undergone this type of surgery are
3 sufficiently recovered so that their future prognosis can be medically evaluated to
4 determine whether they have reached maximum recovery from the surgery.
5 According to Dr. Ricketts, patients undergoing this type of surgery are not
6 sufficiently stable in order to have their condition evaluated until between three
7 to six months post-surgery.

8 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of
9 Alaska and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

10 DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 8th day of September, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I CAUSED TO
BE SERVED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
OF THE FOREGOING THIS 8TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2006 TO:

Via Email

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s/ DOUGLAS R. DAVIS